

Amendments To The Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. **(Currently Amended)** The method for operating a fork-lift truck the lift mast of which that guides a load-carrying means is provided with at least one extraction drive and in which more drives are provided, ~~in case of need,~~ for regulating the lateral position, the inclination and/or the angular position of the load-carrying means relative to the lift mast, wherein the driving speeds of the drives have a maximum upper limit when the load-carrying means is in its highest position, characterized in that the height of the load-carrying means is measured by steps or continuously and the characteristic selected from the group consisting of maximum acceleration/deceleration change in speed, and/or the maximum speed, or a combination thereof, of at least one drive increases with a decreasing height of the load-carrying means.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The method for operating a fork-lift truck the lift mast of which that guides a load-carrying means is provided with at least one extraction drive and in which more drives are provided, ~~in case of need,~~ for regulating the lateral position, the inclination and/or the angular position of the load-carrying means relative to the lift mast, wherein the driving speeds of the drives have a maximum upper limit when the load-carrying means is in its highest position, characterized in that the weight of the load is measured on the load-carrying means and the characteristic selected from the group consisting of maximum acceleration/deceleration change in speed, and/or the maximum speed, or a combination thereof, of at least one drive increases with a decreasing weight of the load.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein both the height of the load-carrying means and the weight of the load are used to determine ~~characterized in that an interlinking function is formed from the two functions of the maximum acceleration/deceleration change in speed and/or that of the maximum speed of at least one drive in dependence of the lift height and the weight of the load, according to which function the acceleration/deceleration and/or speed of at least one drive is set.~~

4. **(Currently Amended)** The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein both the height of the load-carrying means and the weight of the load are used to determine ~~characterized in that an interlinking function is formed from the two functions of the maximum acceleration/deceleration change in speed and/or that of the maximum speed of at least one drive in dependence of the lift height and the weight of the load, according to which function the acceleration/deceleration and/or speed of at least one drive is set.~~

5. **(New)** The method for operating a fork-lift truck the lift mast of which that guides a load-carrying device is provided with at least one extraction drive and in which more drives are provided for regulating the lateral position, the inclination and/or the angular position of the load-carrying device relative to the lift mast, wherein the driving speeds of the drives have a maximum upper limit when the load-carrying device is in its highest position, characterized in that the height of the load-carrying device is measured by steps or continuously and the characteristic selected from the group consisting of maximum change in speed, maximum speed, or a combination thereof, of at least one drive increases with a decreasing height of the load-carrying means.

6. (New) The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein both the height of the load-carrying device and the weight of the load are used to determine the maximum change in speed and/or the maximum speed of at least one drive.

7. (New) The method for operating a fork-lift truck the lift mast of which that guides a load-carrying device is provided with at least one extraction drive and in which more drives are provided for regulating the lateral position, the inclination and/or the angular position of the load-carrying device relative to the lift mast, wherein the driving speeds of the drives have a maximum upper limit when the load-carrying device is in its highest position, characterized in that the weight of the load is measured on the load-carrying device and the characteristic selected from the group consisting of maximum change in speed, maximum speed, or a combination thereof, of at least one drive increases with a decreasing weight of the load.

8. (New) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein both the height of the load-carrying device and the weight of the load are used to determine the maximum change in speed and/or the maximum speed of at least one drive.